Thames in London, Seine in Paris, Tiber in Rome, Nile in Cairo and Cheonggyecheon stream in Seoul; and

(c) whether any such plans are likely to start in near future for these rivers including Yamuna?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) This Ministry is implementing various pollution abatement schemes under National River Conservation Plan for improving water quality of rivers including river Yamuna. Programmes for tackling point and non-point sources of pollution include Interception and Diversion of sewage, setting up of sewage treatment plants, low cost sanitation works, crematoria works etc. The pollution from industries is addressed through the existing legal provisions. The Plan presently covers 38 rivers in 167 towns spread over 20 States.

Three major drains along river Yamuna namely, Najafgarh drain, Supplementary drain and Shahdara drain, are proposed to be covered under the project on 'Interceptor Sewer Concept' by the Government of NCT of Delhi. Lessons learnt from the best practices followed in different countries including river Thames in London, have been taken into consideration for promoting a holistic and integrated river basin approach. Recently, Government has set up 'National Ganga River Basin Authority' as an empowered authority to ensure effective abatement of pollution and conservation of river Ganga.

Per capita carbon dioxide emissions

†1104. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the share of India's per capita carbon dioxide emission in climate change;

(b) India's rank in the per capita carbon dioxide emission among G-77 countries of the world;

(c) whether any time frame has been set for developing countries in United Nations' Agreement regarding carbon emissions; and

(d) whether any time-frame has been fixed by the countries emitting higher amount of carbon dioxide to reduce the emission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) India's per capita CO_2 emissions in 2005 are 1.2 tonnes per year and India's share in global emissions is 3-4%.

(b) According to UN Millennium Development Goal Report (2007-08), India ranks 80th among the G-77 countries of the world in terms of per capita CO_2 emissions.

(c) and (d) As per Kyoto Protocol, only developed countries are supposed to take deeper emission reduction targets in the second commitment period beginning 2013.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Further, it was decided that developed countries should announce their targets latest by 15th Meeting of Parties of the Kyoto Protocol (December, 2009) so that there is no gap between the commitment periods. Developing countries have no obligations of reducing emissions.

Killing of elephants by Nepal Police

1105. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nepal Police has been firing at elephants in Indian territory near border of West Bengal and Nepal;

(b) if so, the number of elephants killed and injured during the last three years;

(c) the steps taken to ensure that elephants do not reach within firing range of Nepal Police;

(d) whether the matter has been taken up with the Nepal Government; and

(e) if so, the response of Nepal Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Government of West Bengal has reported occasional firing/attacks on wild elephants near border of West Bengal and Nepal by Nepal police and villagers.

(b) As per information furnished by the State, four elephants have been killed and fourteen injured because of firing/attacks in Nepal territory in last three years.

(c) to (e) Although the State Forest Department is taking actions to contain them in Indian territory, the same is difficult since the adjoining forests of the Nepal constitute natural migratory route for the wild elephant of the West Bengal. However, Government of India has taken up the matter with the Government of Nepal to prevent such attacks. The Government of Nepal has responded positively.

Illegal mining in Orissa

1106. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state whether illegal mining in Orissa is being done without forest and environment clearance specially in Barbil, Keonjhar and Sakinda area and many State Government Officers are also involved in this illegal mining; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): The information is being collected from the State Government of Orissa and will be laid on the table of the House after compilation of the same.

Climate forecasting system

1107. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: